

Application No.: 09/822,043

Docket No. 00-3008

REMARKS

This amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 24, 2006 wherein claim 1 is rejected. Claims 3-24 and 26-31 have been allowed and claims 2 and 25 are indicated as allowable. Claim 2 has been canceled. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowed and allowable claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**Rejections Using *van Tetering et al.***

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No.: 5,343,463 to *van Tetering et al. (Tetering)*.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 which was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 25 depends from claim 1 and therefore is also believed to be in condition for allowance.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 3-24 and 26-31 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-2347, under Order No. 00-3008 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made, the fee for which should also be charged to this Deposit Account.

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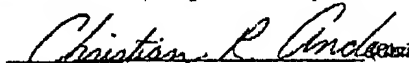
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